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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Samira Rafaela
(PE700.423v01)

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Institute for Gender Equality for the financial year 2020
(2021/2129(DEC))

Amendment 1
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas, pursuant to Article 8 TFEU, the Union is to ***aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women in all its activities, thereby establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming;***

Amendment

A. whereas, pursuant to Article 8 TFEU, the Union is to promote equality between men and women;

Or. es

Amendment 2
Christine Anderson

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas, ***pursuant to Article 8 TFEU, the Union is to aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women in all its activities, thereby establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming;***

Amendment

A. whereas ***the Union interprets Article 8 TFEU as a basis to establish*** the principle of gender mainstreaming;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

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between men and women in all its activities, thereby establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming;

between men and women in all its activities, thereby establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming, ***including via gender budgeting at all levels of the budgetary process***;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas, pursuant to Article 8 TFEU, the Union is to aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women in ***all its activities, thereby establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming***;

Amendment

A. whereas, pursuant to Article 8 TFEU, the Union is to aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women in ***its all relevant activities***;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Robert Biedroń, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques, Monika Beňová

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 6

Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 7

Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas in accordance with Article 8 TFEU, in promoting this in all its activities the Union shall aim to

eliminate inequalities between men and women and promote their equality;

Or. es

Amendment 9

Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas women are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly women working in precarious employment, feminised sectors and the informal economy;

Amendment

B. whereas women are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly women working in precarious employment, feminised sectors and the informal economy, *whereas these impacts range from a worrying increase in gender-based violence and harassment, unpaid and unequal care and domestic responsibilities, through restricted access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), to significant economic and work impacts for women, particularly healthcare workers and caregivers;*

Or. en

Amendment 10

Christine Anderson

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas women are *disproportionately* affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, *particularly women working in precarious employment, feminised sectors and the informal economy;*

Amendment

B. whereas women *and men* are affected *in various ways* by the COVID-19 pandemic;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas women *are* disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly women working in precarious employment, *feminised* sectors *and the informal economy*;

Amendment

B. whereas women *in certain sectors may be* disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly women working in precarious employment, *which may also happen in male* sectors;

Or. es

Amendment 12
Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 13
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Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 14
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas COVID-19 pandemic is said to threaten and perhaps even roll back the progress made in gender equality especially in Member States' where the indicators of the level of gender equality were lower;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas the Gender Equality Index 2021 registered a minuscule increase of just 0.6 points in comparison with the previous year^{1a}

^{1a} <https://eige.europa.eu/gender-equality-index/2021>

Or. en

Amendment 16
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Recalls that the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) was established in order to contribute to, and strengthen, the promotion of *gender* equality in the Union; recalls that, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on *gender* equality, *increased* budget and human resources are needed for the EIGE to *adequately* carry out its functions;

Amendment

1. Recalls that the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) was established in order to contribute to, and strengthen, the promotion of equality *between men and women* in the Union; recalls that, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on equality *between men and women, adequate* budget and human resources are needed for the EIGE to *duly* carry out its functions;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. (*Does not affect the English version*)

Or. es

Amendment 18
Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that the Institute's task is to collect, analyse and disseminate information as regards gender equality and to develop, analyse, evaluate and disseminate methodological tools in order to support the integration of gender equality into all Union policies and the resulting national policies; encourages collaboration between the EIGE and other European Union agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. It is clear that the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) has not achieved its aim of promoting equality between men and women because with its ideological viewpoint and perspective it has increased division and social fragmentation, sapping the complementary nature of male-female relations and weakening promotion of the family;

Or. es

Amendment 20
Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM);

Amendment

2. Welcomes the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM), ***in particular the Institute's contribution to the ongoing efforts of the Committee concerning the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on women, gender-based violence, work-life balance, equal pay and pension gap, gender budgeting and the development of a gender-sensitive parliament tool, strongly supports the work of the Institute, which, by means of studies, research and high-quality data enables the Committee to properly do its work; stresses the valuable contribution that the EIGE can make to all committees in order to better integrate the gender perspective in all EU policies and encourages the European Parliament to establish an ever closer cooperation with the Institute;***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. ***Welcomes*** the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM);

Amendment

2. ***Does not welcome*** the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) ***because a Parliament committee should respect the principles of objective law and impartiality;***

Or. es

Amendment 22
Christine Anderson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. **Welcomes** the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM);

Amendment

2. **Notes** the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM);

Or. en

Amendment 23
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the EIGE's contribution to the ongoing works of the Committee including the efforts to eliminate violence against women and girls which exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes in this respect EIGE's contribution through research, the collection of high-quality data and assessment of national policies related to gender based violence and femicides across all EU Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. *Acknowledges the specialisation and great expertise of the EIGE as valuable input for taking stock of the situation and for support to policy making;*

Or. en

Amendment 25

Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Notes *the EIGE's continuous high level of* budget execution, with commitment appropriations of 97,75 % in 2020 (compared to 98,96 % in 2019), as well as payment appropriations of 74,82 % (compared to 82,5 % in 2019);

3. Notes *that the Covid-19 pandemic had a slight impact on budget execution rates in 2020, which nonetheless remain high* with commitment appropriations of 97,75 % in 2020 (compared to 98,96 % in 2019), as well as payment appropriations of 74,82 % (compared to 82,5 % in 2019);

Or. en

Amendment 26

Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Points to the EIGE's high cost to the budget, which ought to be directed towards genuine problems society is suffering as a result of the serious economic and health crisis sparked by the pandemic;*

Or. es

Amendment 27
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Acknowledges an increase in the EIGE's carry-over operating expenditure to 49,49 % in 2020 (compared to 28,01 % in 2019);

Amendment

4. Acknowledges an increase in the EIGE's carry-over operating expenditure to 49,49 % in 2020 (compared to 28,01 % in 2019), ***suggesting waste and inefficient management of its resources;***

Or. es

Amendment 28
Monika Vana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Points at the need to allocate more staff to EIGE in order to cope with the current context of increasing backlash on women's rights and gender equality, as well as by the consequence of the Covid-19 crises, which is having a disproportionate impact on women and girls;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes that, in its annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2020¹, the Court of Auditors (the ‘Court’) confirmed that the EIGE’s annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position at 31 December 2020, the results of its operations, its cash flows and the changes in net assets for the year then ended; notes that, according to the Court, the revenue and payments underlying the EIGE’s annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 are legal and regular in all material respects;

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https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/AGENCIES_2020/AGENCIES_2020_EN.pdf

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 30

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Notes that in its audit reports for the 2019 financial year, the Court concluded that the EIGE’s procedures used for selecting and contracting the external experts systematically lacked a solid audit trail and as a result all subsequent payments, which in 2020 amounted to €4 400, have been irregular; acknowledges that in 2020 the EIGE applied new procedures, which according to the Institute, have been in full compliance with the principles of non-discrimination and equal treatment;

Amendment 31

Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. *Notes that despite its obligations deriving from the Financial Regulation 157, the EIGE didn't include in its Budget for 2020 information about the Amendment to the Agreement with DG NEAR for the provision of €378 950 under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance for the implementation of the action "Increased capacity of EU candidate countries and potential candidates to measure and monitor the impact of gender equality policies (2018 to 2021)"; calls on the Institute to ensure the inclusion of all relevant provisions in this regard in the future;*

Or. en

Amendment 32

Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. *Notes the ongoing concern over the claims of former temporary agency workers concerning their rights; recalls that the Lithuanian Supreme Court asked the CJEU to assess whether the Directive 2008/104/EC on temporary agency work applies to EU Agencies in their capacity as public bodies engaged in economic activities and whether they must apply in*

full with the provisions of Article 5(1) of that Directive, which concern the rights of temporary agency workers to basic working and employment conditions, in particular as regards pay;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Robert Biedroń, Monika Beňová, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Welcomes the Institute's continuous work on the Gender Equality Index, which is a valuable tool for monitoring the progress of gender equality across the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Recommends, on the basis of the data currently available, **that** discharge **be granted** to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of the EIGE's budget for the financial year 2020.

6. Recommends, on the basis of the data currently available, **questioning** discharge to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of the EIGE's budget for the financial year 2020.

Or. es